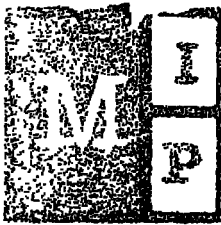
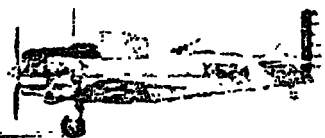


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Dear Chairman Elliot:

Malden Missouri is located in an economically distressed area and we are striving to improve the local economy by rehabilitating our Industrial Park's rail spur in an effort to attract Employers that would be rail users. With overseas competition for jobs, we would hope that companies that need rail would be our best chance for local improvement.

We need a healthy freight railroad network that would support job growth and continued economic recovery. We would oppose any policy changes that would hinder the ability of the railroads to improve and modernize the railroad infrastructure.

Malden, along with numerous other small towns in America, needs a chance to improve. A safe, efficient, reliable, and affordable freight rail system seems to be a major component if we are to survive.

Sincerely,

MALDEN INDUSTRIAL PARK


Barbara Crayne
Manager